

## House Resolution 18EX2

By: Representatives Coleman of the 142<sup>nd</sup>, Taylor of the 134<sup>th</sup>, Reed of the 52<sup>nd</sup> and Hugley of the 133<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing deep regret at the passing of George Kuntu-Blankson; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on August 12, 2001, the country of Ghana lost one of its finest and most  
3 distinguished citizens and the State of Georgia lost one of its most admired friends with the  
4 tragic and untimely passing of George Kuntu-Blankson; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he was a man in the prime of his life who was fulfilling his dream to collect and  
6 distribute to students in Ghana more than 223,000 pounds of books that had been donated by  
7 Georgia citizens; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he spent over a year collecting books and working through a myriad of details  
9 to arrange for their delivery to Ghana by the United States Navy; and
- 10 WHEREAS, when he became ill with malaria, he refused to return to Georgia for treatment  
11 for fear his mission to distribute books to the students of Ghana would suffer; and
- 12 WHEREAS, this amazing man impressed all who met him with his positive attitude and  
13 sincere and caring manner that encouraged others to work together to achieve his goal; and
- 14 WHEREAS, his friends always marveled at his altruism and energy and his love for God and  
15 country; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was an extraordinary individual, a giant among equals, whose untimely  
17 passing leaves a void in the hearts and lives of his family and friends in Ghana and of those  
18 who had the honor of knowing and working with him here in Georgia.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of  
21 George Kuntu-Blankson; commend the courage, love, and selfless dedication he exhibited

1 in fulfilling his mission to better educate the students of Ghana; and extend to his family their  
2 utmost appreciation for his efforts to bring peace and joy into the lives of others.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of George  
5 Kuntu-Blankson.